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See attached action.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-12 have been amended in such a way so that they are now directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original claims were directed to a method of preparing a medicinal product. As amended, the claims now recite a method for preventing/treating vascular thrombosis.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

The reply filed on October 23, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action for reasons set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Leigh C. Maier
Patent Examiner
December 22, 2003